

adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 895) establishing within the House of Representatives an Office of Congressional Ethics, by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 182 nays with 4 voting "present", Roll No. 122, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 207 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 121.

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Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 895 is adopted.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Honoring the 200th anniversary of the Gallatin Report on Roads and Canals: H. Res. 936, amended, to honor the 200th anniversary of the Gallatin Report on Roads and Canals, to celebrate the national unity the Gallatin Report engendered, and to recognize the vast contributions that national planning efforts have provided to the United States;

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Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act: H.R. 5563, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; and

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Temporarily extending the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965: S. 2733, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965.

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Motion to Adjourn: Agreed to the Sutton motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 123.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1449 and H1468.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 66 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls Votes: Twelve yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1453, H1458, H1467–68, H1499–H1500, H1500, H1503, H1513–14, H1514, H1515, H1524–25, H1532, H1533–34, and H1536–37. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT; FDA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Research, Education and Economic budget request. Testimony was heard from Gale A. Buchanan, Under

Secretary, Research, Education and Economics, USDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on OJP/COPS/OVW. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Jeffrey Sedgwick, Acting Associate Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs; Carl R. Peed, Director, Community Oriented Policing Services; and Cindy Dyer, Director, Office on Violence Against Women.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Secretary of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Air Force Posture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Air Force: Michael W. Wynn, Secretary, and GEN T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Chief of Staff.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on DOE—Energy and Conservation, Fossil Energy, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: C.H. Albright, Jr., Under Secretary; Alexander Karsner, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; James Slutz, Acting Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy; and Kevin Kolevar, Director, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government held a hearing on Consumer Product Safety Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Consumer Product Safety Commission: Nancy Nord, Acting Chair; and Thomas H. Moore, Commissioner.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Citizenship and Immigration Services: Strengthening legal immigration and improving refugee processing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, Department of Homeland Security: Emilio Gonzales, Director; Jonathan Scharfen, Deputy Director; and Timothy Rosado, Acting Chief Financial Officer.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Homeland Security Grants: Supporting a National Preparedness and Response System. Testimony was heard from David Paulison, Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Endowment for the Humanities. Testimony was heard from Bruce Cole, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Implications of a Weakening Economy for Training and Employment Services. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS' AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies held a hearing on Navy Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM Gary Roughead, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and GEN James T. Conway, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs held a hearing on HIV/AIDS and Global Health Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador Mark R. Dybul, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator; and Kent Hill, Assistant Administrator, Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development.

TACTICAL AVIATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a joint hearing on Department of the Navy and Air Force Tactical Aviation Programs. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and the following official of the Department of Defense: John J. Young, Jr., Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; and the following officials of the Department of the

Navy: William Balderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Naval Air Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Research, Development and Acquisition; RADM Allen G. Myers, USN, Director, Air Warfare Division (OPNAV 88), Headquarters, U.S. Navy; LTG George J. Trautman, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Aviation, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; LTG Daniel J. Darnall, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air, Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; and LTG Donald J. Hoffman, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition.

FY 08 DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION'S PRESIDENTIAL SIGNING STATEMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Impact of the Administration's signing statement on the Department of Defense's implementation of the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Act. Testimony was heard from Gary L. Keppinger, General Counsel, GAO; T.J. Halstead, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

MILITARY READINESS—GOVERNMENT'S ROLE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Inherently Governmental—What is the Proper Role of Government? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: P. Jackson Bell, Deputy Under Secretary, Logistics and Materiel Readiness, and Shay Assad, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy; and David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education held a hearing on After School Programs: How the Bush Administration's Budget Impacts Children and Families. Testimony was heard from Theresa Kough, Education Associate, Department of Education, State of Delaware; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1108, Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1198, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2007; H.R. 2464, Wakefield Act; H.R. 1237, Cytology Proficiency Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 3701, Keeping Seniors Safe From Falls Act of 2007; H.R.

2063, Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act of 2007; H.R. 3825, Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007; and H.R. 1418, Reauthorization of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act.

COMMUNICATIONS MARKETPLACE—ROLE OF PRIVATE EQUITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Role of Private Equity in the Communications Marketplace.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HUD BUDGET

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on the oversight of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Department’s budget request for fiscal year 2009 and oversight of emergency spending. Testimony was heard from Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

COIN MODERNIZATION AND TAXPAYER SAVINGS ACT OF 2008

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 5512, Coin Modernization and Taxpayer Savings Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Edmund C. Moy, Director, U.S. Mint, Department of the Treasury; Jay W. Johnson, former Representative from Wisconsin, and former Director of the Mint; and public witnesses.

U.S.-IRAQI REFUGEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Middle East, and South Asia, and the Subcommittee on Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held a joint hearing on Neglected Responsibilities: the U.S. Response to the Iraqi Refugee Crisis. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: James B. Foley, Senior Coordinator, Iraqi Refugee Issues; Lawrence Butler, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; Stephen A. Edson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs; and Greg Gottlieb, Senior Deputy Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Lori Scialabba, Special Adviser to the Secretary of Homeland Security for Iraqi Refugees, Department of Homeland Security.

NET NEUTRALITY/INTERNET FREE SPEECH

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Competition Policy and Antitrust Laws held a hearing on Net Neutrality and Free Speech on the Internet. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CORPORATE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Deferred Prosecution: Should Corporate Settlement Agreements Be Without Guidelines? Testimony was heard from Representatives Pallone and Pascrell; David E. Nahmias, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Northern District of Georgia, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY LAW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on Department of Homeland Security Law Enforcement Operations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Dana A. Brown, Director, Federal Air Marshal Service, Assistant Administrator, Transportation Security Administration; Jeffrey D. Self, Chief, Southwest Border Division, Office of Border Patrol; Raymond R. Parmer, Deputy Director, Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Michael Stenger, Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Secret Service; and RADM Wayne Justice, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Capability and Director of Response, U.S. Coast Guard.

OVERSIGHT—GETTING ROYALTIES RIGHT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held an oversight hearing on Getting Royalties Right: Recent Recommendations for Improving the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Earl Devaney, Inspector General; David Deal, Vice Chair, Royalty Policy Committee; C. Stephen Allred, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management; Randall Luthi, Director, Minerals Management Service; and Larry Finfer, Deputy Director, Office of Policy Analysis; Frank Rusco, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Linda Stiff, Acting Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and Dennis Roller, Royalty Audit Section Manager, Office of the State Auditor, North Dakota.

ANIMAL PROTECTION MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 2964, Captive Primate Safety Act; and a measure To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to extend its protection to bears illegally harvested for their viscera in the same manner as with respect to prohibited wildlife species. Testimony was heard from Benito A. Perez, Chief,

Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

D.C. PAROLE, SUPERVISED RELEASE AND REVOCATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing on Advancements and Continual Challenges in the Parole, Supervised Release and Revocation of D.C. Code Offenders. Testimony was heard from Chief Issac Fulwood, Commissioner, U.S. Parole Commission, Department of Justice; Avis E. Buchanan, Director, Public Defender Service, District of Columbia; Rufus King, Chief Judge, D.C. Superior Court; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 752, amended, Federal Electronic Equipment Donation Act of 2007; H.R. 3033, amended, Contractors and Federal Spending Accountability Act of 2007; H.R. 3928, Government Contractor Accountability Act of 2007; and H.R. 4881, amended, Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2007.

FEDERAL AGENCY USE OF COMMERCIAL INFORMATION RESELLERS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives held a hearing on Privacy: The Use of Commercial Information Resellers by Federal Agencies. Testimony was heard from Karen S. Evans, Administrator, Office of E-Government and Information Technology, OMB; Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; Hugo Teufel III, Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

U.S.-LATIN AMERICAN ENERGY COOPERATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on National Security and Latin America: Challenges and Opportunities on Energy Cooperation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides four hours of general debate on H. Con. Res. 312, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 2009, equally divided

and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies to be equally divided and controlled by Representative Maloney of New York and Representative Saxton of New Jersey. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution and provides that the concurrent resolution shall be considered as read.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. All points of order against the amendments are waived except that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment. The rule permits the Chairman of the Budget Committee to offer amendments in the House to achieve mathematical consistency. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question of its adoption. The rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the concurrent resolution to a time designated by the Speaker. Finally, the rule provides for a motion to take the Senate concurrent resolution on the budget from the table, strike all after the resolving clause, and to insert in lieu thereof the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 312 as adopted by the House. Testimony was heard by Chairman Spratt and Representatives Scott of Virginia, Lee, Ryan of Wisconsin, Brady of Texas, and Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida.

NANOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on the Transfer of Nanotechnology Initiative Research Outcomes for Commercial and Public Benefit. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on the NIST's Fiscal year 2009 Budget Request: What Are the Right Technology Investments to Promote U.S. Innovation and Competitiveness. Testimony was heard from James Turner, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

SOUTHEASTERN U.S. WATER MANAGEMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Comprehensive Watershed Management and Planning: Drought-related Issues in the Southeastern United States. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lewis of Georgia, Boyd of Florida and Johnson of Georgia; from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Jess D. Weaver, Regional Executive, Southeast Asia, U.S. Geological Survey; and Sam D. Hamilton, Regional Director, Southeast Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; BG Joseph Schroedel, USA, Commander, South Atlantic Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; J. John Feldt, Hydrologist-In-Charge, National Weather Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Robert J. Hunter, Commissioner, Department of Watershed Management, Atlanta, Georgia; and public witnesses.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE/CO-MORBID DISORDERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Substance Abuse/Co-morbid Disorders: Comprehensive Solutions to a Complex Problem. Testimony was heard from Antonette Zeiss, Associate Chief Consultant, Mental Health Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REPORT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare Payment Advisory Commission's annual report on Medicare payment policies. Testimony was heard from Glen M. Hackman, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

BRIEFING—ADVANCED R&D BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Advanced R&D Budget. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D247)

S. 2478, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 59 Colby Corner in East Hampstead, New Hampshire, as the "Captain

Jonathan D. Grassbaugh Post Office". Signed on March 11, 2008. (Public Law 110-194)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Air Force, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the federal judiciary, 4 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to receive a briefing on the current readiness of the armed forces of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SH-219.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 and the future years defense program, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, for the strategic lift programs, and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine technologies to combat weapons of mass destruction, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, the future years defense program, and military installation, environmental, and base closure programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development and conduct oversight, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine the gross domestic product as a measurement of national strength, 1:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine hardrock mining, focusing on issues relating to abandoned mine lands and uranium mining, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine alternatives to the current federal estate tax system, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the United States and Vietnam, focusing on the bilateral relationship, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.